

Remarks/Arguments:

I. Status

The Office Action dated September 26, 2007 (the "Office Action"), has been carefully reviewed. In this amendment, claims 1-5 have been canceled, claims 6-8 and 10-11 have been amended and claims 15-19 have been added. Accordingly, claims 6-19 are pending in this application. Consideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

II. Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction between a method of operating a retail terminal (Invention I, claims 1-5) and a checkout system (Invention II, claims 6-14). The Applicant hereby elects the Invention II and claims 6-14, which the Examiner stated were drawn to Invention II, for examination.

III. Amendments

Claims 6-8 and 10-11 were amended to clarify the limitations recited therein. Accordingly, no new matter was submitted by way of amendment.

IV. New Claims

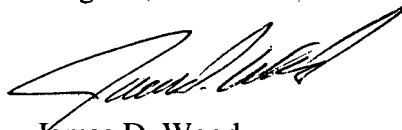
New claims 15-19 are directed to a checkout system and do not require a field of search different from the field of search for claims 6-14. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that claims 15-19 are drawn to the same invention as claims 6-14 and requests consideration of claims 15-19 along with the claims 6-14.

V. **Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and favorable consideration of the application.

A prompt and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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